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Members of the class of 2023 are all smiles during their graduation ceremony at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Thursday, June 29. See more photos on page 9./ADAM FRISK
 Special to the Echo

County inches closer to short-term property rental regulations

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After about a year in the making, Haliburton Council got a look at bylaws that guide the regulating and licensing of

short-term property rentals.

Stephen Stone, the county's planning director, walked council through those draft bylaws and possible next steps to implementation during its June 28 meeting.

Council agreed to revisit the issue at

some point in the future, but not until after much discussion.

It's been a long road indeed. A sense of that lengthy process is in the fact that you'll read almost 300 words of recap before you get a single new quote.

The previous county council hired con-

sultant J.L. Richards (JLR) to look into options on how to govern short-term rental properties. A subsequent report provided insight into policies and regulations of similar sized municipalities.

Comparison practices offered a frame-
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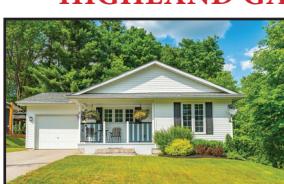
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Third party may implement STR program

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work of options for the county's own possible regulations and means of licensing.

Council in October 2022 considered a staff report titled Haliburton Short Term Rental Review Final Update. Included in its appendices were the JLR options report and draft bylaws.

The first was a draft registration bylaw which would require STR operators to register their properties in the near term in order to determine the magnitude of this type of business activity on Haliburton's lakes.

The second was a draft licensing bylaw which had the effect of regulating STRs over the long term.

The previous administration received the consultants final report after considerable discussion as to whether the regulation of STRs should be the responsibility of the four townships or the county.

Following various updated reports and more directions to staff, registration and licensing bylaws were refined.

In February, the law firm of Aird Berlis LLP was retained to provide council with a legal opinion on the functionality of the draft registration and licensing bylaws. They presented their legal opinion with respect to mechanics of implementing the draft short-term rental bylaws on May 10.

The solicitor authored a further legal opinion which was considered in June 14.

Aird Berlis LLP billed the county \$18,418 for the work.

When council initiated the study, a number of municipalities were already engaged in regulating short-term rentals, Stone said.

"Since then, there's been a number of third-party services arising to help assist municipalities in rolling out the program and regulating the program," he said.

Those are monitoring-type services that would work hand-in-hand with municipal staff, he said. Basically, they'll pinpoint where the short-term accommodations are within a municipality based on those property's advertising.

The most recent information the county has indicates there are close to 1,500 short-term properties for rent in Haliburton County. Third-party service providers will engage those operators, inform them that short-term rentals are now regulated by a municipality within the county and they need to be licensed.

Those third-party service providers will ensure compliance to regulations about bedroom restrictions, fire alarm performance, and septic system effectiveness.

"From a monitoring perspective, it takes the burden of responsibility off of municipal staff," Stone said. "It doesn't take them out of the administration side of things."

He said the service is more of a partnership with the municipal staff when it comes to bylaw enforcement.

Regardless of whether the short-term rental program is administered at the county level or the municipal level, there needs to be an effective inspection program, said Michael Rutter, the county clerk/CAO.

"Almost like an audit process," he said.

Without sharing specific prices, Rutter said the cost of the third-party service would "be significantly less than the fees generated from the licensing program."

Further, the third-party service would ensure somebody is on hand to respond to late-night complaints about neighbours having large parties.

"Bylaw enforcement staff would be aware of it and then they can follow up at a later date," he said.

Councillor Murray Fearrey, the mayor of Dysart, said he'd like to see the county council pursue the third-party service.

"I think it's got a lot of possibility," Fearrey said.

Coun. Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, said property inspections could be tied into a demerit points system.

"You want to earn an inspection, just do it wrong," Ryall said. "We will make sure that you're inspected. That's kind of an incentive to be compliant."

An owner who gets a demerit may be inspected. Inspections are at the discretion of council, he said.

"If you don't want to follow the rules, we'll spot-check to make sure that you do," Ryall said.

Coun. Bob Carter, Minden Hills' mayor, said one

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There's an awful lot of pressure out there that we land somewhere and we make a decision on this. We can't just keep kicking it down the road.”

— Warden Liz Daniels

thing that he absolutely insists on is that no taxpayer money goes toward finding the program.

"This program should be totally funded by those who are the short-term rental folks," Carter said.

Rutter said if there were 1,300 active rental properties that pay a \$500 licensing fee. That would generate \$650,000. And, he said, the third-party service cost of which he's aware is pegged at less than \$100,000.

"So that would leave a significant amount of money left," he said.

Fearrey asked if an accommodation tax will be applied to short-term rentals.

Warden Liz Daniels, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said that's putting the cart before the horse.

"First we need to decide who is going to be responsible for what," she said.

Coun. Dave Burton, the mayor of Highlands East, said he supports an accommodation tax.

"Parking has been an issue all the way through for me," he said. "I'm adamant that we are going to be able to get our first responders in to these places."

Coun. Walt McKechnie, Dysart's deputy mayor, said parking is going to be an on-going issue with short-term rentals. He said people who break vehicle limits will lose demerit points.

"We would just set a standard that if you're going to break our parking bylaws, then you're going to be punished and maybe you'll lose your (rental) license," McKechnie said.

Rutter said an accommodation tax couldn't be done at the county level. That would have to be done at the local municipal level.

Carter said he hopes licensing of rental operators could get underway before January. And then the accommodation tax could be discussed by at least January.

"So that all of next year would be covered," Carter said. "Or sometime in the first quarter of next year so that we would have the (accommodation) tax in place for next year's rentals."

Rutter said the third-party could assist with collection of the accommodation tax and forward it to the respective municipality.

Stone said it's time consuming for a municipality to try to collect an accommodation tax from a STR owner. Using 1,300 hosts as a baseline for the number of STRs, he said perhaps 400 who would report what they're making off STRs.

"Even then there's no verification method to say how much money they actually collected and how they are remitting," Stone said.

Carter said, given the introduction of employing a third-party service, more time is needed to look closer at service providers.

Danielsen agreed that it adds a new dimension to be considered by council.

Ryall said taking time isn't procrastination. Rather, he said, it's council's due diligence to make sure they choose the best means to license and regulate STRs.

"At the end of the day we make a good decision that accomplishes something," Ryall said.

"I don't want to defer it for too long," Daniels said. "There's an awful lot of pressure out there that we land somewhere and we make a decision on this. We can't just keep kicking it down the road."

Happy Canada Day!



Cake was served at the Canada Day celebrations held at the Gooderham Community Centre on July 1. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton, second from right, cuts the cake in Gooderham on July 1.



Festivities in Gooderham on Canada Day featured children's activities, face painting, a clown, cake, BBQ, and an Irondale display.



A crowd listens to live music in the Tory Hill park on July 1.



Phil O'Reilly sings in the park in Tory Hill on July 1.

Our friend, Barrie Martin

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

For so much of life, our careers define us.

At parties, for introductions to strangers, as a sense of belonging.

I thought about this as I drove to Barrie Martin's house last week for an interview.

The tourism maverick will be retired as of June 25, 2023, winding down a career that spans decades in helping others. In giving back.

How do I define his career in a short article?

For those who know Barrie, they know all that he has done. From being named Highlander of the Year in 2002 to being crowned a tourism champion from the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario, he has left his mark on the community in more ways than one.

As I pulled up his gravel driveway to the log cabin he and his wife, Pat, call home, I figured out my angle. Many people know who Barrie Martin is. What he does. Some folks know the timeline of his career, and that his heart and soul beats for the Haliburton Highlands.

But what about his "why"? Why did Martin dedicate an entire career to giving back to his community?

"It's in my genes," he said as we settled onto the outdoor patio, myself with a cool water and Barrie with his standard hot coffee and maple syrup, "from my early days of working, we were always finding ways to partner and collaborate so that we could succeed together."

Barrie was referencing his chapter at the Frost Centre, where he worked for 24 years before it was closed down in 2004.



"That part of the county doesn't always feel like it's part of the county, so we would do whatever we could to connect with other partners along the way."

Shortly after the Frost Centre closure, Barrie transitioned to the Trails and Tours Network, which was a not-for-profit through the Chamber of Commerce. As president and co-founder of the organization, he was able to secure over one million dollars in funding for local trail development for Haliburton County.

In 2006, through working with the Trails and Tours Network, Barrie noticed a gap in community-led collaboration within the tourism world of the Highlands, and in 2006, the concept of Yours Outdoors (YO) was born.

YO is a tourism company that focuses on creating experiences that are memorable, sustainable, and above all, collaborative. With nearly 100 experience providers scattered across the county, YO offers

experiences like rock climbing to glass blowing and everything in between. The company acts as a means of connecting the dots for all the great things this region has to offer. "Yours Outdoors was a big leap," said Barrie as he swatted away a rogue blackfly from sampling his coffee, "I went from 28 years as a civil servant to suddenly being an entrepreneur."

But being an entrepreneur of his own business didn't slow Barrie down when it came to volunteering. "My biggest marketing strategy was to just always be at the table, whatever table that was, as much as possible. To be present and active," he said.

With that in mind, he became the chair for both the community tourism stakeholder group and Adventure Haliburton, the president of the Haliburton County Folk Society, the director of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, and the vice president of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, to name a few.

Like any new business, YO took a bit of time to get off the ground, but Barrie said that his biggest measurement of growth was when other tourism stakeholders began to express interest in working together, and the reviews for the experiences started rolling in. "That really feeds your sense of success," he said, "helping to foster the spirit of collaboration in the community."

But Barrie doesn't attribute his suc-

cesses in the company solely to his own hard work. Instead, he credits the community that makes Yours Outdoors thrive. "Haliburton County has a sense of volunteerism, of innovation, of great experiences," he said. "We have the landscapes, the culture, and that was the canvas for me to build this business."

He also expressed infinite gratitude for the experience providers that hopped onto the idea of YO, and provided exceptional experiences for all participants. "I would not be successful were it not for the experiences, and the experience leaders," he said, "they're the real strength of the organization."

When asked about what's next for Barrie Martin, he couldn't help but laugh. To know Barrie is to know that he's a man who never slows down. But he knows that it's time. "I have to change my pace," he said, "and that's okay. Actually, I am getting used to the idea!"

Haliburton Forest purchased the YO business from Barrie in 2020. As for a succession plan, the Forest intends to keep the branding and the experiences from Barrie's decades of development, and he is confident that YO will be in good hands moving forward.

As the sun shifted and the blackflies began swirling around our ears on the patio, Barrie reflected on his years of working and his next steps. His years of bringing the community together, and celebrating the Haliburton Highlands. He has an air of coolness about him; of comfort, of peace.

"We are stronger as a community," he mused as he finished his coffee, "each one of us can do good things on an individual basis, but we can really do so much more together."

For so many of us, as careers wind down, there is a sense of loss. Of confusion. Of wondering what's next. But for Barrie, his career wasn't just a job. It was who he was. He poured his heart and soul into this community, and he will continue to carry that forward in whatever his next project will be. And trust me, there will be another project on the horizon. One day soon. Because celebrating the Haliburton Highlands, will always be Barrie Martin's "why".



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Matt Duchene has been bought out by the Nashville Predators for the remainder of his contract over the next three years. He has opted to join the Dallas Stars to kick off next season. /Photo submitted

Duchene joins Dallas Stars

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Change is in the air for Haliburton local Matt Duchene. On June 30, the 32-year old center was bought out by the Nashville Predators for the remaining three years of his contract with the team. "It was a crazy day and a half that shook us as a family when we found out we were leaving Nashville," Duchene told the *Echo*. "Nashville is, and always will be, our home, we've put down some deep roots here."

On June 30, the Preds announced that they would be buying out the remainder of Duchene's contract, which had \$14 million in base salary and \$6 million in bonuses which is to be paid out over the

remaining three years.

With the buyout, Duchene became a free agent, and suddenly, he had to make some quick decisions. "I was very fortunate to be able to choose my next team, and to have some amazing options," he said.

Duchene has opted to join the Dallas Stars for one year, and a \$3 million contract. The Stars progressed in the 2023 playoffs before eventually losing to the Las Vegas Golden Knights in the conference finals. The Golden Knights went on to win the Stanley Cup. The Nashville Predators did not make the 2023 playoffs.

"I couldn't be more excited to be joining the Dallas Stars," said Duchene, "they have an incredible team that's ready to win and I'm hopeful for a long, successful playoff run with them."



Playing in the park

Rotary Club of Haliburton kicked-off its 2023 Music in the Park series on June 27. Many braved the wild weather to bring some lawn chairs and catch The Ya Babys perform at the Head Lake Park bandshell. The rain held off long enough for the band to play some original tunes and some popular covers as well. The Music in the Park series runs every Tuesday evening, from June 27 to Aug. 29. Admittance is by donation with proceeds supporting Rotary club initiatives. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*

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Home on Native land

IT'S JULY 1.

The Casino Rama Entertainment Centre is completely full, an ocean of bobbing heads and clapping hands.

Spotlights plastered images of the Canadian flag all over the walls.

Everything was red and white.

Perhaps I brought it on myself.

I probably should've known better than to attend a concert located on First Nations land featuring a non-Indigenous Canadian on Saturday if I wanted to avoid feeling distraught.

But there I was, among the other head bobbers and hand clappers, listening to Burton Cummings' final encore song.

Share the Land.

"Let's never forget how lucky we are to live right here, in the best country in the world," he said before the song.

I regret to say I never felt any apprehension before that moment during the entire two hour concert.

But my heart sank during that final song.

It felt like an out of body experience - when everything around you feels off.

I wanted to leave immediately and felt sick to my stomach.

The crowd was singing along with Burton, as if the land belonged to us, colonizers of the nation.

Obviously July 1 is the day of Canada's confederation.

Five thousand people were quite literally seated on land belonging to the Chippewas of Rama, celebrating a day that only solidifies the genocide that settlers have instilled upon the Indigenous peoples of Canada.

Who do I, and those other 5,000 people, think we are to be entitled to do that? To wave our flags and flaunt our red and white outfits?

Now, I understand that Casino Rama agreed to book the concert on July 1, but that doesn't necessarily mean what happened during was sup-

ported.

Burton Cummings didn't mention the original inhabitants of this land once during the two hour show.

And I clearly can't speak for Indigenous people, but I do know what Riley Maracle, an Indigenous person who lived in Haliburton during his public school days, said to me last year for an article written and published for Canada Day from an Indigenous perspective.

"July 1, 1867 wasn't the day that Canada was founded, it was just when a label was put on it by settlers. I reflect and remember my ancestors who suffered as a result," he said.

Last year, thousands of unmarked graves were found on the grounds or near residential schools. Many wore orange on July 1 to honour those individuals.

Did we forget? And is it possible to celebrate on July 1 while standing in complete solidarity with Indigenous people?

On June 30, Haliburton School of Art + Design unveiled their new Indigenous Student Services Space.

Hosting this event for Canada Day was an important statement.

Riley said the best thing all Canadians can do is to take the time, on July 1 and every other day, to learn about how colonialism has impacted and continues to affect Indigenous people.

I would say a good place to start is reading about residential schools, missing and murdered Indigenous women, intergenerational trauma and its effects on mental and physical health, what life is like on reserves, and the history of cultural genocide in Canada.

It's really the least we can do – to understand what our existence on stolen land means for those who were robbed.



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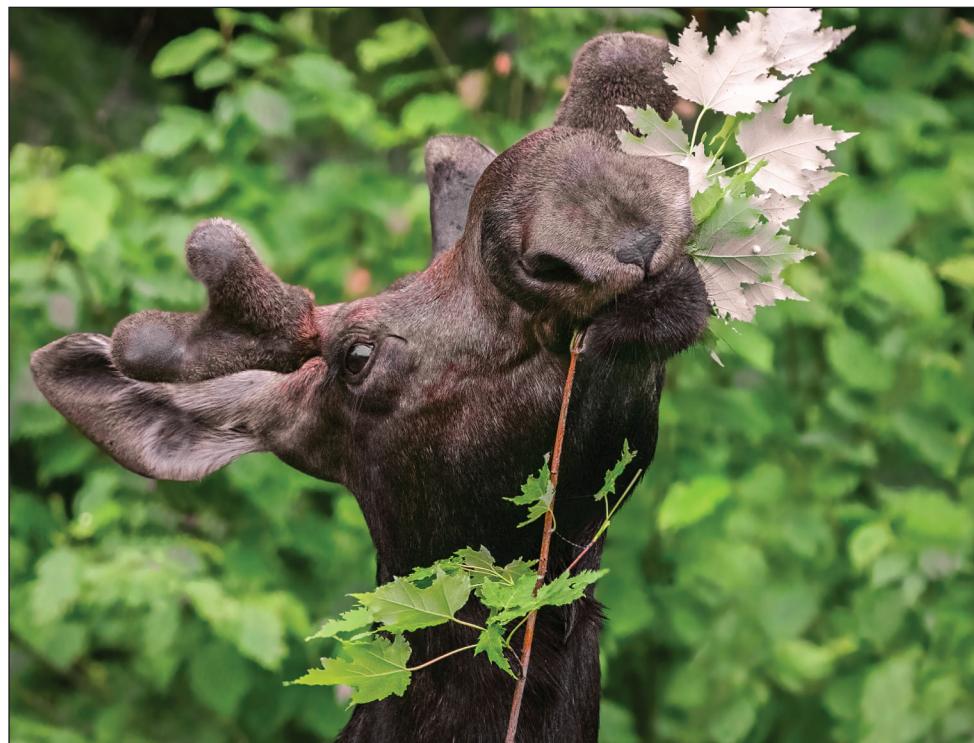
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A moose munches on maple leaves.

By Tammy Nash

Wise society

I HAVE ALWAYS believed that change comes from the bottom up.

That every single person that shares this planet has a responsibility to take care of it. To make choices that benefit all beings.

If I relate it to our bodies, we wouldn't want to take drugs that will help our lungs but would cause our liver to quit working.

We wouldn't want to ignore our brain health so that our heart keeps beating.

We always want every cell in our body to be healthy. It's the same with our planet. We want and need healthy water and clean air to breathe. We want habitat and homes and good food for all beings.

Everyone deserves respect and to feel safe. We want a healthy planet for our great grandchildren to grow up on. I saw a large piece of art recently that was a bunch of bees, and the caption on it said "If we go, we are taking you with us."

It is a reminder that what we do to the one, we do to the whole. I recently read an article that talked about the wisdom traditions considering the idea of "wise society".

A society that is based on mutual respect, protection and care for all beings and the entire planet. Who wouldn't want to live in a society like this? Mutual respect, care for all beings. I

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Green meadow

write this article on a day when the air quality is so poor in Haliburton.

It is hazy, and I can taste the smoke in the back of my throat. It is hard not to feel despair for the planet. And then I pick my sad little self up, and I join with my qigong group and we do a class dedicated to the trees and the firefighters.

We remember that we are connected to all of life and life is connected to us. We take care of each other and then go to our families and our friends and continue to contemplate how we can contribute to a wise society.

What are the daily choices we make that help, and what contributes to a healthier planet and those who live on it? There are lots of issues, and lots of causes to consider. We don't have to do it all, we just have to do our part to contribute.

My neighbour just watched a huge snapping turtle lay her eggs at the end of the driveway. They have watched her come to this spot for years, and her eggs never hatch. This year, they called the Turtle Guardians who came and are incubating the eggs for the mother turtle. They will return the turtles that hatch to the spot where they were laid.

One small action that makes a difference. Turtles, bees and all of us matter in a wise society.

points of view

Boater up

THIS WEEK, I put money down on a new boat and trailer, which I'm told should arrive before the end of summer. I'm excited, but the problem with buying a new boat is that it doesn't end there.

I was explaining this to Jenn the other day when she posed the question, "Why are you asking me, what colour of parrot goes with your eyes?"

The reply was so obvious that I almost felt like I was insulting her intelligence.

"If I'm going to be the Captain of a new craft, I'm going to need a parrot," I began.

"Captain?" she said.

I then reminded her that we were getting a new boat, and someone would have to be captain.

"Oh, dear God not again!" she replied. "You are about to make a big deal of this aren't you?"

"Shiver me timbers, no," I replied.

But by the look on her land lubbery face, I could tell that our respective cultures were colliding.

You see, Jenn is not a descendant of sea-faring people. At best they were puddle avoiders.

But my ancestors were Maltese, and Malta is a tiny island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. Which meant, if you wanted a good pizza, you had to sail at least 320 kilometres north to Sicily. As a result, my father, grandfathers, and their fathers before them, were all Royal Navy men, and those male relatives who weren't, were in the Merchant Marine.

So, being in charge of a vessel sort of runs in my blood and also explains why I have been known to mutter "Shiver me timbers" every now and again.

"There will be no parrots," she proclaimed.

"Shiver me timbers," I replied.

"I knew you'd take this too far," she said.

"I have not," I said, but I think that the Captain's hat, cable knit sweater and the duffel bag left her a bit skeptical.

"I'll wait till next year for the eye patch," I winked, as I took a long pull on my pipe – which would have looked a lot more dignified had it not been filled with bubble soap at the time.

I was sort of surprised by Jenn's reaction to all this. Normally, she's all for people getting back to their roots and learning about their cultural identities. But when I suggested to her that it would be appropriate to sound the bosun's whistle I gave her every time I stepped onto our back deck, she refused outright. If it were anyone else, I would have had them walk the plank.

"Look," she said, after threatening me with said whistle, "you're buying a boat. I'm happy about it. Don't make me regret it."

"Don't make me regret it Captain," I corrected, which in hindsight was probably the thing that led to my first mutiny.

In any case, I can hardly wait to get my lake legs under me and be the Captain of my aluminum-hulled vessel as I explore the uncharted waters of many a lake with fishing rod in hand.

I haven't thought of a name for it yet, though I am considering Lollipop, since that's what at least one good ship was named.

That evening, at five bells, I tried to converse with Jenn a little more about that boat and my promotion but she would have none of it. Suffice it to say, it did not go well.

When I described the bow, she just got stern.



Loon Tales

steve
galea



pic of the past

This photo is of haying at the farm owned by Linda Coneybeare's grandparents, Arthur and Mary Oliver, at Buckslide Road and Highway 35, around 1935. "Big farm horses, Belgians, used to bring in the hay. You can see the highway and the lake and one of the barns. I expect my grandfather is one of the men in the hayfield," she writes. /FILE

letters to the editor

Rhubarb shortage and "Fred" the turtle

A big thank you to the *Echo* for the story about our Rhubarb shortage and "Fred" the turtle. Thanks to the generosity of a few people, we no longer are short of Rhubarb and expect to have 100 Rhubarb pies available for sale on July 22 at the Eagle Lake Community Church when the church celebrates its 85th anniversary.

The 85th Anniversary celebration is a low key simulation of the former Rhubarb Festival and is a tiny step towards reclaiming the "Rhubarb Capital of Ontario" title. In the last few years the church has undergone change, and the premises are better able to respond to the needs of the Community. Come and have a look and buy a pie.

The pies are being made by a dedicated team who have spent the last few Tuesdays getting them ready. Storing the pies has been a problem and a local resident has donated a freezer to solve that problem. Yours truly did the running around

to pick up the donated rhubarb. The quilt raffle got off to a late start but the ELWS "sales" department tell me that sales are going very well. Currently about two thirds of the tickets have been sold. Those who have a keen eye tell me the hand work on the quilt is terrific and that the quilt is "gorgeous".

A resident has come forward to identify a location for "Fred" and has been contacted by the Turtle Guardians. "Fred" went for a stroll on Eagle Lake Beach and is currently residing in the lake. Those boating in the lake should therefore be on the look out for a large turtle. A permanent resident has told me that last year the Turtle Guardians came to her property and took 72 eggs from a nest that was threatened by raccoons and were able to hatch all 72 eggs.

Peter McLuskey,
Eagle Lake

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

CORRECTION

In the photos of the Water Ambassadors Charity Golf Classic in the June 27 edition of the *Echo*, the amount raised was incorrectly stated. The true amount raised was nearly \$40,000.

Caps off to graduates

Veronica Heasman and Addyson Parish receive the Athlete of the Year Female award from teacher Paul Mardus during the JD Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 graduation on Tuesday, June 27. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

See our special "Graduation Edition" for elementary schools on July 13 and high school July 20.



Ethan Coughlan receives his Grade 8 diploma from teacher Stephanie Henriques during the JD Hodgson Elementary School graduation on Tuesday, June 27.



Sophia Burke and classmates walk out of the gymnasium after graduating.

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Fynn Gooley delivers the valedictorian address.



Friends pose for photos ahead of graduation on Thursday.

The future is bright

Students receive the School Letter award during the class of 2023 graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 29. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo



Class of 2023 member Travis Clarke poses for a photo after receiving his honours society award and utility belt on Thursday.



Haliburton Adult and Alternate Education Centre graduates pause for a group photo following their graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 28 at McKeck's Tap and Grill. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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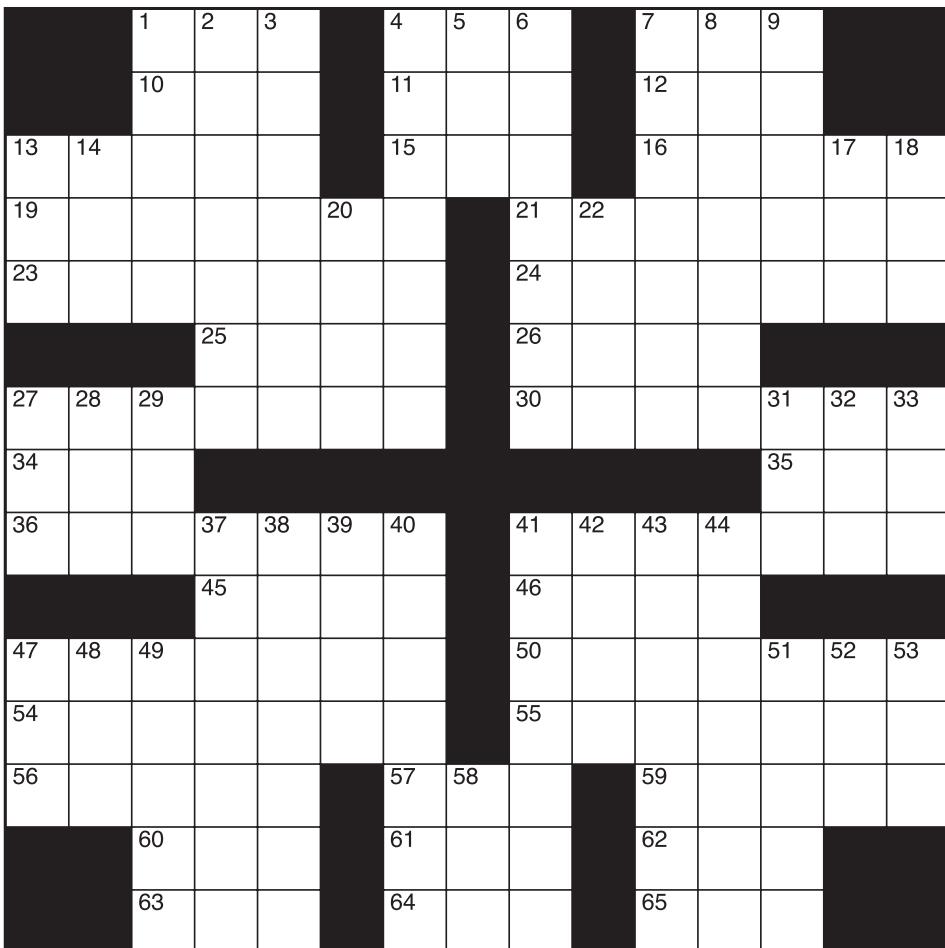
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- Clairvoyance
- 007's creator
- Adult male
- Scandinavian god of battle
- Cloths spread on a coffin
- Breeze through
- Ladyfish genus
- It's good to take them
- Noble-governed territory
- Members of U.S. Navy
- Card game resembling rummy
- Affected by injury
- Member of a Semitic people
- Left
- Woman's cloak
- S. American plant
- Prohibit
- Offense
- Dish soap brand
- Ottoman military commanders
- Ancient Greek City
- Makes unhappy
- Discuss again
- Medical instrument
- Promote
- A beloved carb
- Tag the base runner to get him out
- Prehistoric people
- Large African antelope
- Vehicle
- Georgia rockers
- Scientific instrument (abbr.)
- A major division of geological time
- Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- Plant of the nettle family
- Fit to be sold
- Rather
- Collected
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Patella
- Ageless
- Lists of course requirements
- Pokes at
- TV network
- They __
- Cooking hardware
- U.S. Army title
- Iron-containing compound
- Swiss river (alt. spelling)
- Former French coin
- Electronic countermeasures
- Taxi
- Helps little firms
- Woeful
- Midway between northeast and east
- Glowing
- Tasks which should be done
- An informal body of friends
- Intrinsic nature
- Neural structures
- Brews
- Where ships unload cargo
- Singer
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Southwest Scotland town
- Most worthless parts
- Viscous
- Put to work
- Old world, new
- Swiss river

Answers on page 13

Remember decency, integrity, and good common sense??

WHY IF OL' Maybelle isn't seeing the "F" word right next to our Prime Minister's name written on some folks' cars and trucks right here in Lake Whaddaya-thinkImean, don'tcha know. That's right, the "F" word. And I don't mean F for Food or Fun or Frolic. I mean the F word that you'll never see in church or at a tea party or fundraiser or yoga class ... not even at a Lake W council meeting, although some members might be thinking it, don'tcha know.

No, I mean the F word that comes from a very deep place of anger that even the softest of folks might shout out when they accidentally hit their thumb with a hammer, or fall over a coffee table, or get hit in the head with a frisbee. Why, I even hear it when someone's describing something they love, like: That is F-ing awesome! But, seeing it written on cars and trucks in such a gross, insulting manner as I'm walking through the village shocks ol' Maybelle to my old apple core, don'tcha know. Why, it makes me feel like I was just hit with a pile of poo that I didn't see coming. And that saddens me more than anything because I know we can be better.

Why ol' Maybelle used to pride

myself on living in a country referred to as Canada the Good. Late night American talk show hosts used to joke about us being overly polite and decent. A joke I long to be the brunt of, once again.

You see, it's just too easy to use vulgar language when you have a beef about something or someone. Better to work toward meaningful solutions. Changes you might want to see that are lawful, won't harm anyone, and are genuinely good for all. Let's see THOSE written on vehicles. Or better yet, why not take part in a public debate with real facts and figures and above all, good intentions? Do good work to make good change. Bring ideas to the table that will merit a positive response, not shock the socks off

an old apple doll like ol' Maybelle, don'tcha know.

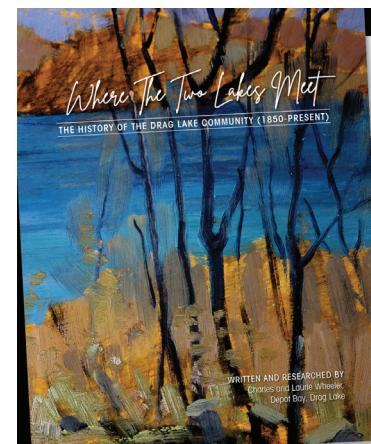
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Better Hurry!

On one of the most interesting things we found in researching the history of Drag Lake was how the lake got its aboriginal name.

See the following excerpt from Pg 24 of the book for a sneak preview of some of the content of the book!

8.1 ABORIGINAL NAME

Indigenous people never named lakes after people. Instead, they told the story of the geographical feature of the lake i.e. water quality, surrounding landscape, or the lake's shape. (Source xviii). We could find no name on early exploration maps for Depot Bay (Mud Lake) or Art/Spruce Lake.

Drag Lake appears to have been known as either Kasquashibook, Kasquashibook or Kashquashibook on early handwritten exploration maps of the area. Below is one of several maps we found which appear to have Kashquashibook Lake above Casoguegiomon (Kashquashigamog) on the watershed.

We consulted various indigenous language specialists including Dr Julie Kapyka (Resource Consultation) and Anne Taylor (Language Coordinator) at the Curve Lake Reserve. Anne noted it is very difficult to trace the origin of old lake names as the people that would know definitely are long since past; she questioned whether the name was misspelled on the historical maps and after speaking with 5 sources, several elders and a

community fluent speaker she advised on a possible translation as follows: Kasquashibook, Kashquashibook, or Kashquashibook could mean "where the two lakes meet". There are also indigenous language references close in spelling to "whistling" and it comes closest to "meeting up" nupquaishkuwan meaning "she meets him/her/it"; nkweishkodadawg meaning "to meet each other"; nkweishkoage meaning "to meet". It might also refer to "waves splashing up".

If the historical meaning is in fact "where the two lakes meet", this may have been in reference to the sand bar that historically existed across the lake between Sand Point and Harris Beach, effectively making it two lakes in earlier times, before lake activity such as damming and logging affected the water and sand levels. Wayne Roberts specifically remembers that in the late 1930s, when the waters were low, and his family was boating on the lake, they would have to get out of their boat, wade in the water and drag it across the sandbar here because it was so shallow. They could also walk from the west side of the lake (Sand Point) to the east side (Harris Beach) by wading across in only ten inches of



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Hannah Klose gets into character during the dress rehearsal.



Love is in the air
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Dysart resident lobbies county to tax short-term rental properties

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County comes up short by having no means to tax the local businesses that are short-term rental properties.

Philip Harknett, a property owner in the county since the 1980s, stated that case during council's June 28 meeting. He said the Airbnb accommodation was an inflatable mattress in somebody's San Francisco apartments.

"What we have here is second homes that people have invested in as a business, and it's time this county got down to taxing and regulating these businesses," he said.

To effectively do that, four things are required: Properties need to be inspected, licensed, regulated, and taxed.

Many municipalities have taken to comparing what's offered at the property to ensure needs of parking and septic requirements are met.

"Also, I think, something that gets lost here is the safety of these people that come to visit our county," he said.

When there's many people being crammed into these places, he said, an inspection is important to ensure adequate fire alarms, avenues of egress, and other precautionary measures are in place.

Licensing fees annually generate revenue for the municipality. And, he said, further revenue can be generated through the levying of a municipal accommodation tax as many centres do across Ontario.

Listings are monitored and property owners lose points for infractions of township regulations to the point

of possible delisting.

He said the number of properties available should be limited in certain areas.

Short-term rentals removes properties out of the pool for long-term rentals and it effects local business.

"One of the big problems for them is getting staffing if there's not the housing," Harknett said. "What's happened (to housing options)? It's gone to short-term rentals."

Outside property owners and investors benefit from short-term rentals, he said, and the local community comes out on the losing end.

"Taxing and regulating is just the right thing to do," Harknett said. "It's time. Let's get this done."

Warden Liz Danielsen, who is also mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said Harknett was preaching to the already converted. All the things he mentioned are concerns with which the upper tier council has grappled for some time, she said.

"There have been some challenges associated with the discussions we've been having and we're hoping to resolve those very soon," she said. "We all recognize the impact that short-term rentals do have on housing and the housing challenges we have in Haliburton County."

Danielsen said the municipal accommodations tax is a topic on which the council hopes to focus.

"But it can only be done at the lower tier," she said. "It cannot be done at the county level."

She said there is "an awful lot" of short-term rentals in the county, with estimates being anywhere from 1,300 and 1,500 of them. And that does have an impact on available housing.

She said most of the recommendations that have come

to the county and its four municipal governments has been against addressing the revenue issue by way of property taxes.

"It's finding that balance of lifestyle for folks like yourself who want to come and enjoy life here in Haliburton County ... and the fact that there is a benefit to our economy," she said. "Where's the balance? Where's the line?"

Danielsen said plans are afoot to regulate short-term rental property businesses in the county.



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Dysart mayor lauds early septic inspection results

JAMES MATTHEWS

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Dysart staff have already kicked this year's septic maintenance inspection program into high gear.

Brianna Quinn, the township's sewage system maintenance program supervisor, told township council June 27 that staff this year offered a limited number of early inspection appointments. Property owners could complete their inspections ahead of schedule at a discounted rate of 50 per cent off the normal fee.

Those early appointments were used as training opportunities for new staff to have in-field experience in preparation for the busy months ahead.

"Things got busy really quickly," she said.

More than 170 septic system inspections were completed over about 16 days in May. That took inspectors to properties across 13 lakes.

Inspectors intended to complete inspections on Head Lake, Grass Lake, and Kashagawigamog Lake. But there are some things that are said about the best laid plans and misfortune wrought by an individual named Mur-

phy.

Quinn said staff had to be flexible with property owners who had varied vacation schedules and other concerns.

"We were able to move some things around for some people," she said. "Our inspectors have covered some ground in the last few weeks."

June's schedule has been busier.

"So far, we're seeing fairly typical results," Quinn said. "Nothing is too out of the ordinary."

She said 41 properties have been deemed to be high risk because of use permits not being followed. Things like there being too many bedrooms for the system, she said.

Quinn said 58 properties were classed as medium risk and in need to pump-outs, replaced lids and baffles.

Low risk properties were those that had no compliance issues noted during the inspection. There were 56 low risk septic systems.

Mayor Murray Fearrey was pleased with the report, the diligence of staff, and the inspection results. On Barnum Lake, for example, he said there are about 15 properties. And, according to the staff report to council, just eight properties had some risk. Only three were deemed high risk.

"I think it's a good report," Fearrey said. "It's good for people on the lakes to see that. It's a wake-up call."

Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts said she heard from a property owner who told her a building permit was required for them to decommission a bedroom.

"There's no sort of fee for decommissioning those spaces that they're using for bedrooms, right?" she said.

Quinn said there is such a requirement.

"When there's an issue with too many bedrooms, we give them two options," she said. "They can choose to decommission and that's done through a septic review."

The property owner will pay \$150 for the review.

"Basically, that is allowing us to complete the entire paper trail," Quinn said. "We are bringing them back in compliance with their use permit. And it does involve a secondary site visit."

Bedrooms can be decommissioned by being turned into a home office or a den, she said.

Karl Korpela, the township's chief building inspector, said there's been instances when inspectors have found finished basements outfitted with bedrooms in houses in which the basements are supposed to be unfinished. In those instances, the homeowner is required to get a permit, even though the work has already been completed.

HHHS Foundation continues to raise funds for essential health services

The HHHS Foundation is gearing up for a full summer of fundraising for life-saving equipment and services, starting with a Hot Tub Raffle Draw and the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic on July 21, 2023.

Hot tub raffle

A big thank you to The Pump Shop and Troy Austen Real Estate Group for donating a Beachcomber 340 LEEP Hot Tub for a one-time raffle (Lic #818536) to be drawn live on July 21, 2023. Tickets are available now at: HHHS Foundation Office in the Haliburton Hospital; Troy Austen Real Estate Office in the Halco Plaza; The Pump Shop, 5161 Haliburton County Rd 21; Todd's You Independent Grocer Haliburton, Canoe FM and other locations to be announced.

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Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic

The HHHS Foundation is pleased to announce the return of the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic in support of HHHS Foundation presented by Ridgewood Ford Sales. Taking place on Friday July 21, 2023, the tournament will include a great day of golf at the beautiful Blairhampton Golf Club with lunch, catered dinner, auctions, prizes, and more.

The 2023 golf tournament organizing committee has been working diligently over the past few months to engage with previous sponsors and local businesses. Troy Austen, co-chair of the organizing committee and HHHS Foundation Board Member, is pleased to announce that "over one million dollars has now been raised by this long-standing tournament thanks to our friends, family and countywide community. We are beyond thrilled to bring this event to a new-level, and

to continue to invest in making health care better for all of us." With an overwhelming response from sponsors, space is filling quickly. Please contact the HHHS Foundation Office for more information.

The HHHS Foundation would like to thank Matt Duchene, Haliburton hometown NHL player, and his family for their ongoing support. "I'm proud of the work our family has done over the years in support of folks in the county. The charity golf tradition started with the Minden Flood Relief Tournament raising \$120,000 to help the Minden community recover from such a devastating event. We are excited to see this year's tournament support the purchase of critical medical equipment that is lacking in the county. Being an athlete, I am well aware that the ability to receive a quick, close to home (or close to the ice) diagnosis can change the career of a young athlete. A CT Scan can help determine the difference between a concussion or a brain bleed where one would have you going back on the ice and the other would not, that's huge!" said Matt Duchene.

Executive Director, Melanie Klodt Wong shares, "We get asked a lot - how can you fundraise while HHHS has decreased emergency services this summer? My answer is simple. We know that new equipment will attract new health care workers - we need that advantage. Plus, local communities will benefit from a faster diagnosis and fewer EMS trips out of the county. This equipment is not funded by the government. As soon as HHHS has approval to bring in new diagnostic imaging tools, the HHHS Foundation will embark on a major capital campaign and will be looking to the community for support."

Radiothon

In addition to the golf tournament & raffle draw, the 17th Annual Highlands Health Radiothon will return on August 17th & 18th - please tune into 93.5 MooseFM or stop by the station at 152 Highland Street in Haliburton to join in the excitement and pledge your support.

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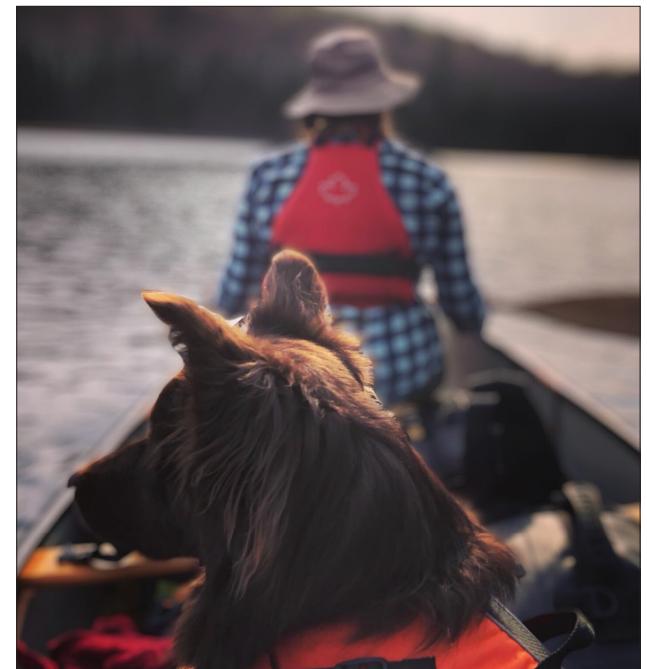
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The Foundation team will be out and about in the community at local events throughout the summer - please stop by and say hi!

Furthermore, don't miss the chance to win our Hot Tub Raffle - tickets are on sale now!

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Notice of Fee By-Law Amendments

Dysart et al Council, at their July 25, 2023 meeting, will be considering changes to By-Law 2020-08, being a by-law to impose fees and charges for the DYMO Bus. Effective August 1, 2023, fee increases are proposed to account for an increase in operator service rates.

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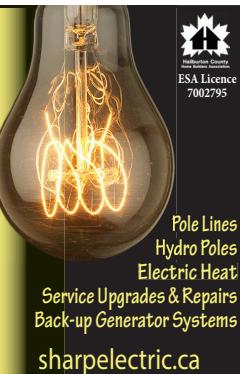
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580 ANNOUNCEMENTS



On June 23rd
with their families,
Connor Dollo
&
Sarah Comer
tied the Knot!



One of Haliburton's own receives the 2023 Board Award of Excellence Honour

The Board Award of Excellence program provides the Board of Directors with the opportunity to recognize the outstanding performance and achievements of staff.

On June 26, 2023 the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Board of Directors recognized five deserving team members. One of those members was Kelly MacBride (Dawson) from Haliburton. Kelly began her nursing career at Haliburton Hospital as a co-op student in 1999 under the keen eyes of RN, Susan Bain. Her career took off at Bracebridge Hospital in 2012 where she worked until recently in the Emergency Department. Today Kelly is Registered Nurse, Surgical Services Clinical Leader at Bracebridge Hospital.

Kelly's parents, Aggie & Walter Tose and Arthur & Anne Dawson couldn't be any prouder of her and her accomplishments. Congratulations, Kelly, keep up the great work!



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On the ball

Darren Lum Echo staff

Jacob Haedicke evades his markers for a break on net during Haliburton Soccer Club's soccer night at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School field this past Tuesday. The club has 140 registered players between four and 16 who meet every Tuesday to learn and play from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Economy rebounding, permits show

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the July 12 meeting of Dysart et al council.

The number of building permits issued during the month of June indicates a steady growth in the economy as current numbers are back up to 2008 levels, before the economic recession hit.

The municipality is reporting that

in June, 42 permits were processed, a healthy jump from the 35 permits issued in June 2009 and the 39 permits issued in June 2008. Of the 42 permits approved this past June, 14 were classified as major residential, two as commercial and 26 as minor

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"I think this is a positive sign considering the economy," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Other healthy indicators, accord-

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